

APPROVED MINUTES TORONTO/EAST YORK LOCAL HEALTH COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2009 **Time:** 6:00 p.m.
Location: 277 Victoria Street – 5th Floor – Room 504

PRESENT: Fiona Nelson (Chair)
 Brian Parris
 Marvin Greenberg
 Roman Polochansky
 Lino Grima
 Marlon Merraro
 Liz Janzen
 Jeanne Jabanoski
 Penelope Marrett
 Bryan Heal
 Evadne Wilkinson
 Amy Khachatryan (Minutes)

REGRETS: Aldo Gatti
 Katherine Hoffmann
 Bernard Blais (Resigned)

1.0 Minutes of April 14th, 2009

The minutes of April 14th, 2009 were adopted as read.

2.0. Business Arising

Fiona Nelson reported that she was not able to take part in the Standing Committee regarding Bill 152, Poverty Reduction Act discussion.

With reference to lead in drinking water in certain parts of the City the question was discussed regarding children at risk and whether the city is recommending testing and/or doing testing.. The Local Committee Members would like to understand what the status of pipe replacement is, the communication strategies the city is taking to raise public's understanding of lead in pipes and how to address it, and whether children in houses with lead pipes should be tested. Concern was expressed that people did not know that they have lead pipes or actions to take to deal with it. A motion was passed: that the Board of Health request the MOH to report on the status of the city's actions related to lead pipe replacement, including communication strategies to the public and report on whether children in houses with lead pipes should be tested and how the Public Health could support this.

3.0. Diabetes Prevention Strategy (Jill Tackney)

Jill Tackney has presented the pilot-project "Toronto Public Health Diabetes Prevention Strategy", which has been approved by the Ministry of Health Promotion. Purpose of the Project is to increase awareness of risk factors for diabetes and opportunities for access to healthy foods and physical activity. The project will include the creation of Advisory Committees with key partners, ethno-culturally appropriate, accessible programs, awareness raising strategies, hiring community animators, creating support environments, community engagement etc.

The questions have been raised regarding methodology of collecting data, evaluation and tools in terms of implementation of the project.

3.0. Board of Health Report Update (Fiona)

Fiona Nelson presented to the members of Local Health Committee the Strategic Plan from 2005-2009. All input received from each of the constituent groups (TPH staff, TPH DMT, Community stakeholders, LHC members and the Board of Health) will be collated and analyzed during the summer and fall. A draft of the renewed strategic plan based on all the inputs will be developed in the late fall. The plan will go to the Board of Health for approval in late 2009 or at the beginning of 2010. A plan to "launch" the 2010-2014 Strategic Plan will be developed and will take place following the adoption of the plan by the Board of Health. The LHC's meeting in Sept will be to review the plan and give input. Members spoke to the present plan briefly. Several questions were raised: how do we know we have moved forward, how do we move beyond the words, is there data that will be presented in the fall that will help us know where we need to change, emphasize particular strategic directions and goals. Liz will let Cathy Clarke know of these questions/ comments.

Fiona Nelson mentioned that there will be Toronto Food Policy Council on June 10 and discussion is planned regarding closing down jail farms.

At the Board of Health there is a report regarding mandated programs as budgets have been frozen by the Ministry of Children and Youth Services resulting in programming issues.. The members suggested to identify particular concerns and to present the issues to the local MPP in order to advocate for these programs.

4.0. Public Health Champion Reward

Nominations for the 2009 Public Health Champion Awards are still being accepted. The award recognizes individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to protecting and promoting the health of Toronto's residents. Awards are presented to one individual and one organization. The members of Local Health Committee have been asked to send their recommendations by deadline- Friday, June 26, 2009.

5.0. Other

Liz Janzen presented the situation with H1N1. The 3 people who have died had other health problems as well.

6.0. Next Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8: 45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: **TUESDAY, September 15, 2009**
 277 Victoria Street
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 6:00 p.m.